REMARKS

This response is submitted in view of the Examiner's Response to Amendment of April 15, 2004 in which the Examiner indicated that the reply filed on February 1, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action of record. In particular, the Examiner noted that the remarks do not point out why the newly added claims 23, 24, 26-31, and 33-34 are patentable in view of the prior art of record as set forth in by 37 CFR 1.111(b). The Examiner noted that only claims 25 and 32 were addressed with respect to the prior art in terms of specific distinction. In response thereto, claims 23, 24, 26-31, and 33-34 are addressed hereinbelow with respect to specific distinctions under 37 CFR 1.111(b).

Referring now to claim 23, this newly added claim depends on independent claim 1. Thus, claim 23 is believed to be patentable over the cited prior art for at least the same reasons given for the patentability of claim 1 in the response filed September 3, 2003. In addition, claim 23 specifically limits the extraction pattern to comprise a pre-condition regular expression, a portion of data of interest regular expression, and a post-condition regular expression as discussed in the specification relative to Figure 16. Clearly, the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the extraction pattern as discussed relative to claim 1, and consequently, also fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest extraction pattern having expressions as now claimed in claim 23. Moreover, claim 23 further recites that the step of developing comprises refining one or more of the recited expressions which is also not taught in the prior art of record. Thus, the invention as described in claim 23 is patentable since the extraction pattern, the details thereof, or the step of refining one or more expressions as recited in the present claim, is not disclosed or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

Newly added claim 24 is dependent on claim 23 discussed above. Consequently, this claim is patentable over the prior art of record for at least the same reasons given for the patentability of claims 1 and 23 above. Moreover, claim

24 further recites that the portion of data of interest regular expression includes a variable that is replaced with the value for the extraction parameter during the step of providing. Hence, this claim further limits the portion of data of interest regular expression to specifically require inclusion of a variable that is replaced with the value for the extraction parameter. Because the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the extraction pattern of the present invention, expressions thereof, step of refining, or the portion of data of interest regular expression which includes a variable that is replaced as now specifically recited in dependent claim 24, this claim is believed to be patentable as well.

Regarding the newly added claim 26, it is again noted that this claim is patentable over the prior art of record at least for the reason given for the patentability of claim 1 in the September 3, 2003 response. In addition, claim 26 specifically recites that the data of interest is obtained from the plurality of websites, and then presented simultaneously. As discussed in the response of September 3, 2003, the prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest simultaneous provision of product information for at least two sources (i.e. plurality of websites). Therefore, claim 26 is also believed to be patentable over the prior art of record.

In regards to the newly added claim 27, this claim is believed to be patentable at least for the same reasons given for the patentability of claim 18 in the response of September 3, 2003 since this claim depends from claim 18. In addition, claim 27 also specifically recites that the developed extraction pattern comprises a pre-condition regular expression, a portion of data of interest regular expression, and a post-condition regular expression as discussed in the specification relative to Figure 16. Clearly, the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the extraction pattern as discussed relative to claim 18, and further fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest extraction pattern having expressions as now claimed in claim 27. Moreover, claim 27 further recites that the means for developing comprises refining one or more of the noted expressions.

Thus, the invention as described in claim 27 is patentable since the extraction pattern, the details thereof, or refining one or more of the expressions as recited in the present claim, is not disclosed or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

Similarly, newly added claim 28 is dependent on independent claim 21, and is patentable for at least the same reasons given for the patentability of claim 21 in the response of September 3, 2003. In addition, claim 28 further recites the extraction pattern comprises a pre-condition regular expression, a portion of data of interest regular expression, and a post-condition regular expression. As noted above, the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the extraction pattern as discussed relative to claim 21, and further fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest extraction pattern having expressions as now claimed in claim 28. Moreover, claim 28 further recites that the operations for developing comprise refining one or more of the noted expressions. Clearly, the invention as described in claim 28 is patentable since the extraction pattern, the details thereof, or refining one or more of the expressions as recited in the present claim, is not disclosed or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

The newly added claim 29 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons set forth as to the patentability of claim 1 as set forth in the amendment of September 3, 2003. Thus, this claim is believed to be patentable at least for the reason that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest an extraction pattern recited. In addition, claim 29 further elaborates that the data of interest is information associated with a product, or is information associated with a service. This feature is discussed in the Specification relative to step 302 of Figure 3, for example. Thus, the present invention as claimed in the newly added claim 29 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record as well.

The newly added claim 30 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons set forth as to the patentability of claim 18 in the amendment of September 3, 2003. Thus, this claim is believed to be patentable at

least for the reason that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest an extraction pattern recited. In addition, claim 30 further elaborates that the data of interest is information associated with a product, or is information associated with a service. As noted, this feature is discussed relative to step 302 of Figure 3 in the specification, for example. Thus, the present invention as claimed in the newly added claim 30 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record.

The newly added claim 31 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record for at least the reasons set forth as to the patentability of claim 21 as set forth in the amendment of September 3, 2003. Thus, this claim is believed to be patentable at least for the reason that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest an extraction pattern recited. In addition, claim 31 further elaborates that the data of interest is information associated with a product, or is information associated with a service. As noted, this feature is discussed relative to step 302 of Figure 3 in the specification, for example. Thus, the present invention as claimed in the newly added claim 31 is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record.

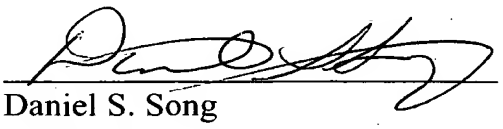
Regarding the newly added claim 33, this claim is believed to be patentable over the prior art of record at least for the reasons set forth with respect to newly added claim 32 in the prior response to the Office Action filed on December 24, 2003. In addition, claim 33 specifically recites that the extraction pattern comprises a pre-condition regular expression, a portion of data of interest regular expression, and a post-condition regular expression as discussed in the specification relative to Figure 16. Clearly, the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest the extraction pattern as discussed relative to claim 32, and further fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest extraction pattern comprising expressions as now claimed in claim 33. Moreover, claim 33 further recites that the step of developing comprises refining one or more of the noted expressions. Clearly, the invention as described in claim 33 is patentable over the prior art of record since the extraction pattern, the details thereof, or refining of one or more expressions as

recited in the present claim, is not disclosed or rendered obvious by the prior art of record.

Regarding the newly added claim 34, this claim is believed to be patentable at least for the reasons set forth relative to claim 32 in the response of December 24, 2003. Thus, this claim is believed to be patentable at least for the reason that the prior art of record fails to disclose, teach, or otherwise suggest an extraction pattern recited. In addition, claim 34 specifically recites that the data of interest is a product, information, or service, as again described in the specification relative to step 302 of Figure 3, for example. Therefore, the present invention as claimed in claim 34 is believed to be patentable as well.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, he is invited to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution and work out any such issue by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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